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I respectfully request you retain the CW licensing requirements and you preserve the spectrum set aside for cw only privileges.

CW remains an important communications mode alongside other digital and voice amateur radio operating modes. I enthusiastically support and operate other digital modes such as RTTY, PSK, etc so I am not a curmudgeon. CW has historical roots in our hobby and remains a practical mode in densely packed spectrums. As bands become more packed, we need to preserve the skills required to operate effectively in our authorized spectrum. CW, as well as other digital modes, offer that solution. The difference is that cw requires a level of operator proficiency not needed with RTTY, PSK, etc.

CW mode is still being used in traffic nets handling public welfare and emergency traffic. To discontinue a requirement for cw proficiency does not support spectrum efficiency or public welfare.

I have been a licensed radio amateur since 1950 and currently hold an Amateur Extra Class license with call sign K7EG.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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